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HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 52

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A HOUSE RESOLUTION urging the legislative council to assign to the appropriate study committee the topic of the three-tier alcohol distribution system in Indiana.

Whereas, In 1933, Prohibition was officially repealed with the passage of the 21st Amendment;

Whereas, In 1935, Indiana began to seek methods to regulate and control the alcohol industry so that it did not return to the excesses and abuses that led to the Prohibition years;

Whereas, A three-tier system was adopted to regulate the way in which alcohol goes from the manufacturer to the consumer;



Whereas, The introduction of the three-tier system and many of the "Blue Laws" in Indiana were a result of the Prohibition era;

Whereas, These laws were compromises between repealing Prohibition but still wanting to regulate the alcohol industry due to its potential dangers;

Whereas, Many of Indiana's alcohol laws date back to Prohibition-era regulations regarding the use and sale of alcohol; and

Whereas, Most states have a three-tier system, but the three-tier system varies significantly from state to state: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. That the legislative council is urged to assign to the
- 2 appropriate study committee the topic of studying and making
- 3 recommendations for improving Indiana's three-tier alcohol distribution
- 4 system.

